VU Application Form – Law in Society 2025-2026

**Law in Society is a selective programme.** We are looking for talented and motivated students with first and foremost an affinity for law, and secondly for the multidisciplinary approaches to Law that are part of the programme. The Admission Board will determine if your motivation match the desired profile based on the selection criteria. You can find more information about the selection procedure by clicking [here](https://vu.nl/en/education/bachelor/law-in-society/admissions).

BEFORE YOU START, CHECK IF YOU MATCH THE ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

* [Law in Society – admission requirements](https://vu.nl/en/education/bachelor/law-in-society/admissions)

**INSTRUCTIONS: HOW TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION**

1. [**Consult the step-by-step application overview.**](https://vu.nl/en/education/more-about/apply-bachelors-programme) Scroll down on the page to the application procedure: Applying with a non-Dutch diploma: PPE and Law in Society.
2. Create a new application in Studielink for the Bachelor’s programme of your interest and submit.
3. Fill out this form without using any external links (such as Google Drive, etc), and save the completed form in one **PDF format**. If you need assistance, we recommend asking your school counselor or tutor first.
4. After receipt of your VUnet-ID and password, upload the completed form in the application section of your VU Dashboard under ‘VU Application Form - Bachelor’.
5. Submit the application in your VU Dashboard and pay the non-refundable application fee of €100. [Find out more about the payment of the application fee and reasons for exemption](https://vu.nl/en/education/more-about/how-can-i-pay-for-the-application-fee).
6. After submission the International Office will check your documents. Once your file is checked and found to be complete, the International Office will confirm receipt by email.

**Deadline for submitting your application**[[1]](#footnote-2):

* Non-EU/EEA students: **1 April**
* EU/EEA students and students who do not need a study visa/residence permit through VU Amsterdam[[2]](#footnote-3): **1 May**

**OUR POLICY**

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| Once you have received confirmation that the application is complete, the International Office starts with the evaluation of your academic background **based on the submitted documents only**. | We aim to send you the admission decision within 5 weeks after confirmation of your complete application. |

1. **Law in Society Assessment form**

**INSTRUCTIONS – READ CAREFULLY** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

We will use this form to assess your fit with the *Law in Society* program. As a general rule: the more specific you are, the better. For example, when we ask about a ‘relevant experience’, we invite you to share one that you think is relevant *to your application for the program*. This means you won’t just tell us what that experience is, but also *why* you think it matters to your motivation to study *Law in Society*. It can be anything: a school project, a job, volunteering, or a teacher that inspired you. For example, you can tell us about your history teacher who made you think about modern forms of slavery (which would be a relevant experience), and you want to learn how to fight it by means of obtaining a law degree (which tells us *why* you think this experience is relevant for your admission to the program).

The same goes for your motivation: the more specific you are, the better. Note that when we ask you about your motivation, we list three distinct questions, so please answer all three separately. The maximum of 400 words means we think this is roughly the number of words you need to make a persuasive point (rather than, say, be done in 50 words), so we encourage you to use the space provided.

Finally, please note that the assessment form can be submitted only once. Unfortunately, requests for revision will not be taken into consideration.

*Please do not adjust the lay-out or font of this form.*

**1.1. Curriculum Vitae (CV)  
  
Read the instruction first, then delete the text and paste the requested document onto the page:**  
include on this page a curriculum vitae that includes your personal details and lists your previous education (including clear mention of school/institution names and duration of your studies) and relevant educational experiences. You can use a template of your own choice or make use of the [Europass CV template](https://europa.eu/europass/select-language?destination=/node/1).

**1.2. Tell us why you’re a great fit**

Personal information

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| Family name and first name |  |
| Date of birth |  |
| Gender |  |
| Nationality |  |
| Country of residence |  |
| Email |  |
| Mobile number |  |
| Education |  |
| Country of previous education |  |
| For Dutch VWO students: Profile |  |

Relevant experience (max. 200 words)

Please elaborate on one experience that is relevant for your application to the *Law in Society* program. What we’re looking for is something you’re excited about, proud of, or that you think has taught you something as a person – and that you think is relevant to your motivation for the program. For example, have you done any volunteering, is there a particular hobby you are good at, did you have a part-time job that made you want to study *Law in Society*? Please consult the instructions at the top of this form for more information.

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| [max. 200 words] |

Motivation (max. 400 words)

In your motivation, please address the following three questions:

1. Why do you want to study law?
2. Out of all the law programs out there, why did you choose this one?
3. In the *Law in Society* program we work with the so-called mixed classroom (for more information, please consult the website). What would you like to bring to the mixed classroom? And what would you hope to learn?

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| [max. 400 words] |

**Optional**

You can include a letter of reference with your application (in Dutch or English). You can choose the referent yourself; we suggest, however, that you pick someone who knows you professionally (teacher, supervisor, boss, etc.).

Please include the document by adding it below:

1. **APPLICATION DETAILS**

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| **I am seeking admission based on**:  International previous education diploma  Dutch previous education diploma -> This document is not intended for you. Find information on our programme page under “applying with Dutch previous education”  *Voorbereidend jaar anderstalige studenten* (VASVU) -> Use the VASVU application form. For more information, please contact your mentor |

**2.1. HIGH SCHOOL DETAILS**

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| **Name of school**: |
| **Start date (dd-mm-yyyy)**: |
| **Country**: |
| **Name of qualification in the original language:**  **Name of qualification translated into English:** |
| **Study specialisation**  *Or followed curriculum (e.g. programme, stream, orientation, liceo type, study direction, etc.)*: |
| **Mathematics**  *Indicate the level (e.g. intermediate, advanced, specialité, seminar, etc.), topics and hours you have completed in your final two years of High School:* |
| **Have you graduated at the moment of application?**  Yes -> Graduation date:  No -> Expected graduation date: |

**2.2. IF APPLICABLE: UNIVERSITY ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS**

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| **In addition to your high school diploma, have you taken/are you going to take any university entrance examinations in your country of education at the moment of application?**  Yes -> *Please fill out the rest of this section*  Not yet, but I am planning on doing so -> *Please fill out the rest of this section*  No -> *You may proceed to the next section* |
| **Name of university entrance examinations**  *(e.g. PAU/EVAU (Spain); YKS/TYT (Turkey); ENEM/Vestibular (Brazil); etc.)*  1) Original language:  2) Official English translation: |
| **Date of examination**: |
| **Name of institution/university**: |
| **Grades obtained (if applicable)**: |

**2.3. IF APPLICABLE: FURTHER EDUCATION AFTER HIGH SCHOOL**

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| **Name of institution/university**: |
| **Start date (dd-mm-yyyy)**: |
| **Country**: |
| **Name of qualification in the original language:**  **Name of qualification translated into English:** |
| **Duration of entire programme + total of credits** (*e.g. 4 years, 160 credits*): |
| **Language of instruction**: |
| **Website link to programme curriculum**: |
| **Have you graduated at the moment of application?**  Yes -> Graduation date:  Not yet -> Expected graduation date:  No, I have/will quit the programme. |
| **Add your transcripts further down this application file under the section Transcript of Records** |

**3. IF APPLICABLE: DIPLOMA STATEMENT**

*This diploma statement needs to be completed by your* ***school's representative*** *if you have not yet graduated from high school.* ***If you have graduated from high school, you do not need to complete this page.***

**3.1. Applicant’s personal details**

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| **First name(s)**\*: | |
| **Last name(s)**\*: | |
| **Date of birth**: | **Nationality**: |
| **Email address**: | **VU student number**: |

*\*As indicated on passport*

**3.2. High school details**

The undersigned hereby certifies that the student is currently enrolled at the following school:

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| **Name of school**: |
| **Country**: |

The applicant will sit exams in the following subjects/courses[[3]](#footnote-4):

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| **Examination subjects** | **Level** | **Teaching hours per week** | **Predicted grade (if applicable)** | **Central examination[[4]](#footnote-5) (Y/N)** |
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| **Name of qualification in the original language:**  **Name of qualification translated into English:** |
| **If applicable, programme/profile**: |
| **Language of instruction**: |
| **Graduation date**\*: |

*\*If the exact date of graduation is not yet known, please add only the month and year in which the student will graduate. This date should be before September 1 (start of the Dutch academic year).*

**3.3. Contact details school**

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| **Name school representative**: |
| **Job title**: |
| **Email address**: |
| *I hereby declare that the information provided in this form is true.*  **Date**:  **Signature**:  **School** **stamp**: |

**4. (HIGH SCHOOL) DIPLOMA**

**Instructions**

Please upload a clear scan/screenshot of your diploma(s)/degree(s)[[5]](#footnote-6) here. **After uploading, delete the text on this page**.

***Note:*** *I*t is not necessary for your diploma(s) to be together on one page; add more pages if needed.

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| **Did you not obtain your diploma yet?** | * Proceed to the Transcript of Records form on the next page |
| **Did you obtain more than 1 high school / higher education diploma?** | * Include all diplomas here |

**5. TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS**

**Instructions**

Upload a clear scan/screenshot of your transcripts[[6]](#footnote-7) of (at least) the last 2 completed years of high school/upper high school/senior high school here. Are you currently in your final year? Then you can upload your complete transcript of 2023-2024 and your transcript of 2024-2025 with all grades obtained so far. **After uploading, delete the text on this page**.

***Note 1***

It is not necessary for all your transcripts to be together on one page; please add more pages if needed.

**Note 2**

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| **International Baccalaureate applicants** | Indicate the level of all subjects incl. language (HL/SL or A/B) and mathematics: Math Analysis & Approaches HL/SL or Math Applications & Interpretations HL/SL |
| **GCE A-level applicants** | Please include your GCSE certificates and AS grades. If no AS grades are available, your school will need to provide an interim or progress report of the most recently completed academic year. |
| **US high school diploma applicants** | Indicate the Advanced Placement (AP) courses/AP College Board exams already obtained and/or the AP courses/College Board exams to be taken. Make sure to upload the official AP College Board exam certificates onto this page |
| **All other applicants** | Please proceed as previously mentioned under ‘Instructions’ |

***Note 3***

Did you complete **university entrance exams** or **further education** after obtaining your high school diploma? Include a scan/screenshot of your most up-to-date transcripts here as well.

**6. CHECKLIST**

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|  | I have checked the programme-specific admission requirements on the [information page](https://vu.nl/en/education/bachelor/law-in-society/admissions) of my programme of choice – section ‘Admissions’ |
|  | I have read the [information about the application procedure](https://vu.nl/en/education/more-about/apply-bachelors-programme) |
|  | I have created an admission request in [Studielink](https://www.studielink.nl/) for 2025-2026 and submitted this |
|  | I have received my VUnet-ID and filled out the questions in my [VU Dashboard](https://vu.nl/en/dashboard/services/registration) |
|  | I have added my Curriculum Vitae (CV) as part of the Assessment form |
|  | I have included in this document either a scan of my high school diploma (or further education diploma) or a completed Diploma Statement, filled out and signed by my school |
|  | I have included the transcript of records from my high school and if available any transcripts from further education |
|  | I have added additional information about university entrance examinations I have taken/am going to take in my own country, if applicable |
|  | I have checked the [English Language requirements](https://vu.nl/en/education/more-about/meeting-language-proficiency-requirements). When already available, I have uploaded a valid English language test or proof of qualifying for an exemption in the English language test section of my application in my [VU Dashboard](https://vu.nl/en/dashboard/services/registration). *Note that you can already apply without the English language test results* |
|  | I have read the policy on p.2 and understand that the decision on admission will be based on my submitted documents and provided information only |
|  | I have paid the [application fee](https://vu.nl/en/education/more-about/how-can-i-pay-for-the-application-fee) or have contacted the International Office when I qualify for an exemption |

Have you checked all the boxes above? Great, you are ready to submit your application in the VU Dashboard!

**Deadline to fully submit your application**[[7]](#footnote-8)**:**

**Note**: it is strongly recommended to submit your application as early on as possible

* Non-EU/EEA students: **1 April**
* EU/EEA students and students who do not need a study visa/residence permit through VU Amsterdam[[8]](#footnote-9): **1 May**

1. Note the [21+ entrance examination](https://vu.nl/en/education/more-about/entrance-exam-21-applicants-without-direct-admission) application deadline of 15 December. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. You can find out on our [visa page](https://vu.nl/en/education/more-about/visa-and-residence-permit) if you need to apply for immigration documents. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
3. Please list the full official name of the course and, if applicable, the level (e.g. standard, advanced, higher etc.) [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
4. A central examination is a final and/or national exam for the upper secondary education often organised by an official institute such as a Ministry of Education. Other examples are an International Baccalaureate (IB) exam, a European Baccalaureate (EB) or an Advanced Placement (AP) College Board exam. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
5. If your diploma is not issued in English, German, Dutch, French, Italian, Spanish or Portuguese, please also include an English translation by a sworn translator. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
6. If your diploma is not issued in English, German, Dutch, French, Italian, Spanish or Portuguese, please also include an English translation by a sworn translator. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
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